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**SAGINAW COUNTY
COMMUNITY MENTAL
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SCCMHA awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Saginaw, MI — Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) received notice that they were awarded another Three-Year Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) after their site visit on April 8-10. This is the eighth three-year accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to SCCMHA.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial accordance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

"We are very happy to once again be awarded this accreditation," says SCCMHA CEO Sandra Lindsey. "For us to receive this recognition, it shows to the individuals we serve and their families that SCCMHA is committed to continuing to provide quality service and programs to help them in their mental health journeys."

As said in the CARF Survey Report – "SCCMHA is applauded for serving with the highest level of scientific evidence in its clinical practice and having appropriate staff with credentials and privileges related to evidence-based practices. Staff members fully embrace the philosophy of SCCMHA, receive support from each other, and have formulated a cohesive entity."

Programs and services surveyed included Assessment and Referral: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Community Integration: Integrated IDD/Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Intensive Family-Based Services: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), and Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents).

The three-year accreditation will run through May 31, 2029.

For a complete copy of the survey report, contact SCCMHA at (989) 797-3400.

SCCMHA is headquartered at 500 Hancock Street in Saginaw. It provides numerous multidisciplinary behavioral and disability treatment and support services, including evaluations, screenings, active evidenced based treatment directly, as well as through a large, contracted provider network.